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EMERGENCY OPERATIONS OFFICER

MONTHLY REPORT

July 2005

CATEGORY	2005	2004	YTD 05	YTD 04
CSEPP INCIDENTS	6	3	45	28
DOE INCIDENTS	1	1	3	6
FIRE	35	57	163	233
HAZMAT	189	183	1225	1097
OTHER	45	26	203	157
911 OUTAGES	3	5	28	18
SAR	78	87	335	331
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
WEATHER	8	5	38	42
CGS INCIDENTS	0	1	2	1
TOTAL	365	368	2042	1913

LEGEND

CSEPP	Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program
DOE	Department of Energy, Hanford Site
SAR	Search and Rescue Missions
HAZMAT	Hazardous Materials Incidents
WEATHER	Weather Incidents (throughout state, i.e., Flood, High Winds, and Snow)
CGS	Columbia Generating Station
FIRE	Forest Fire Incidents
OTHER	This category includes a wide variety of incidents, i.e., Tsunami, Earthquake, Critical Incident Stress Debriefings, Bomb Threat, etc...
911	911 Service Outages

- On June 30, a search was opened in Grays Harbor County for a missing 2 year-old boy near Ocean Shores. Additional resources were coordinated from Pierce, Lewis, Thurston, Cowlitz, Pacific and Mason Counties to assist in the search. The subject was found deceased on July 1, 2005.
- On July 1, at 0626 hours, Mount Saint Helens had a 3.1 earthquake which caused a portion of the growing dome to break off and fall to the crater floor. This minor earth movement caused a plumb of ash to rises to approximately 9,000 ft with most of the ash falling within a 2 mile radius of the mountain.

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Note, the State EOC remains at a Phase II level of operations monitoring the ongoing activity.

- On July 2 a rescue was conducted in Mason County for a 42 year-old male who had fallen in a ravine beneath the Steel Bridge south of Lake Cushman. The subject suffered leg and head injuries. Mountain rescue units were coordinated from Kitsap, Clallam and Pierce Counties to assist. Additionally, a M.A.S.T. helicopter was coordinated from the Oregon National Guard for assistance. The individual was successfully extracted via helicopter with a hoist and transported to the Shelton Airport where Airlift Northwest transported the patient to Harborview Medical Center.
- On July 2, the Bremerton Ferry terminal building was evacuated until a joint WSP/ATF bomb squad could evaluate an unattended package. The package was determined to contain a routine household item. Building was reopened with no impact to ferry service.
- On July 5, Hanford DOE declared an Abnormal Event for a 1500 acre grass fire burning north of the Hanford Reservation on the Saddle Mountain Wildlife Refuge. Hanford Fire Department sent units to assist in fighting the fire in response to mutual aid request from the US Department of Fish and Wildlife. Hanford terminated the event and all crews returned to normal operations when the fire was contained.
- On July 6, Snohomish County commenced a search for a missing male military member in the Granite Falls area. Additional search resources were provided by King and Pierce Counties. Subject was found deceased on 11 July, 2005 in a pond near where he was last seen.
- On July 7 the Homeland Security Alert System was raised to Orange (high) for mass transit systems in metropolitan areas after several bombings occurred in Great Britain affecting bus and subway systems. Additionally, the Maritime Security level was elevated to II (high) for all ferries with a capacity of 150 passengers or more. The State EOC was activated to Phase II already due to monitoring of Mount Saint Helens volcanic activity. As of the end of July, the Alert level remains elevated for mass transit systems throughout the State and Nation.

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- On July 9, Skamania County commenced a search for a missing female near Mt Adams. Additional resources were coordinated from AFRCC for helicopter support. Additional ground search personnel from Clark, Cowlitz, Yakima, Thurston, Lewis, Grays Harbor, Pierce, Klickitat, King, Spokane, Skagit, Kitsap, Snohomish, Washington counties assisted in the search. Oregon counties of Multnomah and Hood River provided additional resources in the effort to find the woman. After eight day of searching the operation was suspended.
- On July 10, the Confederated Tribes of the Coleville Reservation commenced a search in Okanogan County for a missing horseback rider. Okanogan County provided K-9, divers, ground and horseback searchers. AFRCC approve a request for helicopter w/ FLIR support from the 36th RQS out of Fairchild AFB. WDOT aviation provided fixed wing A/C Support. Additional ground search personnel from neighboring counties assisted. Subject was not found and search was suspended.
- On July 10 the Skagit County Sheriff reported a climbing accident near Marble Mount in an area known as Boston Basin. State EOC assisted in coordinating of mountain rescue personnel to assist in the recovery of the accident victims. As the facts became known 3 climbers were killed and 3 climbers injured 1 of these seriously.
- On July 11, Columbia County commenced a search for two missing hikers in the Slick Ear Trailhead area. AFRCC approved a request for Civil Air Patrol from Walla Walla and Oregon aircraft to support search. Both individuals were found in good condition.
- On July 14, Skamania County commenced a search for a missing 23 year old male with a medical condition. Additional searchers and canines were provided by Clark, Grays Harbor, and Pierce Counties. Subject was found later that day at a local store in good health.
- On July 18, the National Weather Service Spokane issued a Red Flag Warning for Okanogan, Stevens, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Lincoln, Adams, Whitman, Grant, Kittitas and Yakima Counties. The Red Flag Warning remained in effect until 2300 hours that night and was allowed to expire.

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- On July 19, the National Weather Service Spokane issued a Red Flag Warning for Okanogan, Stevens, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Lincoln, Adams, Whitman, Grant, Kittitas and Yakima Counties. The Red Flag Warning remained in effect until 2200 hours that night and was allowed to expire.
- On July 19, Skamania County commenced a search for a missing female on Truman Trail near the Johnson Ridge Observatory. Additional searchers were provided by Cowlitz County to assist in the search. The subject was found in good health later that same day.
- On July 21, the National Weather Service Spokane issued a Red Flag Warning for Eastern Washington. The warning remained in effect until 1300 hours on July 22 and was allowed to expire.
- On July 23, Klickitat County reported a 650 acre fire was burning north of North Roosevelt. Fire Resource Mobilization was requested and approved for the "Wood Gulch Fire" at 1800 hours. On 24 July the blaze had consumed 3,500 acres. Approximately 225 firefighters, 24 wild land engines, 5 water tenders, 2 dozers, and three helicopters were assigned to assist local resources. Demobilization of Fire resources was declared on Tuesday July 26 at 1800 hours.
- On July 25, the National Weather Service Pendleton issued a Fire Weather Watch for Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Grant, Klickitat, and Walla Walla counties from 26-27 July.
- On July 25, the Umatilla Chemical Depot issued an Information Bulletin via the CSEPP Crash Line and the dedicated fax. Effective July 26, the Depot will be shipping one-ton GB containers to the DEMIL Facility at the rate of one per day until completed.
- On July 25, an explosive laden tractor trailer overturned on Interstate 405 in King County. Vehicle contained 9 cases of dynamite, 9 cases of blasting caps and 7100 pounds of ammonia nitrate fertilizer. All explosives were removed from the truck and the vehicle was up righted without further incident.
- On July 25, Whatcom County Sheriff's office commenced a rescue for two day hikers who were stranded on a cliff on Table Mountain. AFRCC

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approved a request for a helicopter from Naval Air Station Whidbey to assist in the rescue. The helicopter was able to reach the subjects and hoist them safely without further incident.

- On July 25, King County Sheriff's office commenced a rescue an injured hiker in the Deception Lake area of Stevens Pass. Ground personnel from King and Snohomish Counties hiked into the area to affect the rescue. Subject was taken to a local area hospital in stable condition.
- On July 26, Douglas County officials reported a 2,000 acre grass fire located five miles east of Wenatchee. The "Badger Road" fire initially threaten 30 homes in the area. The State Fire Services Mobilization Plan was implemented at 0415 hrs, July 26. The State EOC was activated to Phase II already due to monitoring of Mount Saint Helens volcanic activity. Demobilization of Fire resources was declared 1800 hours on Wednesday, July 27.
- On July 28, Lincoln County officials reported a 500 - 600 acre grass fire was burning northeast of Harrington. The State Fire Services Mobilization Plan was implemented at 1945 hrs for the "Wall Lake Fire". The State EOC was activated to Phase II already due to monitoring of Mount Saint Helens volcanic activity. Demobilization of Fire resources was declared 1800 hours on Saturday, July 30.
- On July 28, Federal Way Police Department issued an Amber Alert for three adult males who had abducted a 28 year old female, her 3 year old child and a 16 year old family friend. The suspects where later identified as the 28 year old's estranged husband and two accomplices. The 28 year old female and her three year old daughter were found later that night with estranged husband's accomplices in a local area motel. The missing 16 year-old girl was located in safe condition the following day and the last suspect was taken into custody.
- On July 31, National Weather Service Spokane issued a Red Flag Warning for the eastern portion of the state through noon on August 1, 2005.
- On July 31, Chelan County reported a fire burning near Lake Wenatchee. The State Fire Services Mobilization Plan was implemented at 1515 hours for the "Dirty Face Fire". The fire had burned up to 300 acres and had the

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potential to threaten up to 170 homes in the area. The State EOC was activated to Phase II already due to monitoring of Mount Saint Helens volcanic activity. As of this report, Fire Mobilization resources continue to assist in the suppression of the fire.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- For the month of July, 2005 the SEOO's:
 - Issued 97 warnings to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies
 - Issued 11 warnings to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies
 - Conducted 1,373 notifications to state agency liaisons for imminent or occurring emergencies
 - Coordinated 43 resources for search, rescue, recovery and response operations
 - Participated in 19 exercises of which 16 were vessel spill drills
 - Made 1,674 and answered 1,883 telephone calls
 - Conducted 1,792 National Warning System Tests, conducted 236 Comprehensive Emergency Management Network (CEMNET) radio tests. (connects all counties and many cities via Zetron Radio Console)
 - Conducted 54 dedicated line tests with the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP)
 - Conducted 4 dedicated line tests with the Department of Energy, Hanford Site (DOE)
 - Conducted 6 dedicated line tests with the Columbia Generating Station (CGS)